

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES,

-against-  
SOHRAB SHARMA, et al.,

Defendants.

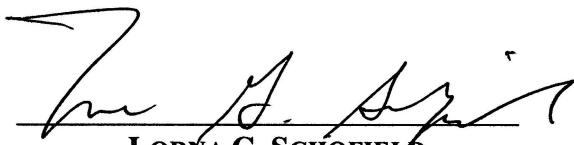
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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

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The President of the United States has declared a national emergency due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and the Centers for Disease Control have noted that the best way to prevent illness is to minimize person-to-person contact. In order to protect public health while promoting the "just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding," Fed. R. Civ. P. 1; it is hereby

ORDERED that, by **March 20, 2020**, the Government and each Defendant shall file a letter on ECF stating either that (1) the party consents to participating in any scheduled proceedings (except trial, any evidentiary hearings, and any sentencing) telephonically or otherwise remotely as needed, and consents to Judge Schofield's participating in such proceedings and issuing orders from any location, including locations outside of the Courthouse; or (2) the party does not so consent and why.

Dated: March 18, 2020  
New York, New York



LORNA G. SCHOFIELD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE